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SUBJECT: DAKAR ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE - III

REF: (A) DAKAR 3074, (B) DAKAR 3213

1. SUMMARY: ISLAMIC CONFERENCE ADJOURNED WITHOUT
INCIDENT BUT FAR BEHIND SCHEDULE ON APRIL 29 AFTER PASSING
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RESOLUTIONS WHICH URGE EXTRA-AFRICAN POWERS NOT TO
INTERFERE IN HORN, CALL FOR SECURITY COUNCIL
SESSION TO ENSURE TOTAL ISRAELI RETREAT FROM OCCUPIED
TERRITORIES, REPORTEDLY CONDEMN US SPONSORSHIP OF
"BILATERAL SOLUTIONS" IN MIDDLE EAST, SUPPORT TURK
CYPRIOT CALL FOR INTER-COMMUNAL NEGOTIATIONS AND URGE
SUPPORT FOR MORO LIBERATION FRONT IN PHILIPPINES.
AMONG ISSUES WHICH DID NOT RECEIVE SIGNIFICANT
ATTENTION IN PLENARY WERE PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO'S PLIGHT,
WESTERN SAHARA AND THAI MUSLIM SEPARATISTS. "PROGRESSIVE"
ARABS SUCCESSFULLY CONCENTRATED ON ISOLATION OF EGYPT
TO EXCLUSION OF ALL OTHER OBJECTIVES. SENEGAL AND OTHER
MODERATES TRIED TO MAXIMIZE CONCENTRATION ON ECONOMIC
COOPERATION. SENEGALESE CONFERENCE PRESIDENT ASSERTED
THAT MEETING SHOWED ISLAMIC CONFERENCE HAD BECOME POLITICAL
FORCE TO BE RECKONED WITH, BUT AMERICAN JOURNALISTS WERE
UNINTERESTED, EGYPTIANS WERE DISTRESSED THAT CONFERENCE
HAD SLIGHTED SCIENTIFIC, TECHNOLOGICAL AND ECONOMIC
ISSUES, AND ALGERIAN DISMISSED WHOLE AFFAIR AS OF "ZERO
SIGNIFICANCE." DESPITE SENEGAL'S BEST EFFORTS AND
REPORTED SAUDI BANKROLLING, CONFERENCE EXPERIENCED SOME
ADMINISTRATIVE SNAFUS CULMINATING IN POWER FAILURE DURING

FINAL SESSION. END SUMMARY.

2. NINTH ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS' CONFERENCE ADJOURNED
IN SMALL HOURS OF MORNING APRIL 29, AFTER DISAGREEMENT
OVER CONTENTIOUS POLITICAL RESOLUTIONS AND OTHER
PROBLEMS HELD UP CLOSING SESSION FOR OVER SIX HOURS.
DELEGATES DEPARTED WITHOUT WAITING FOR COPIES OF FINAL
CONFERENCE DOCUMENT, AND WE HAVE ENCOUNTERED SOME
DIFFERENCES OF OPINION AMONG PARTICIPANTS AS
TO FINAL FORM TAKEN BY RESOLUTIONS
DURING EXHAUSTED, LAST-MINUTE DELIBERATIONS.
BANGLADESH EMBASSY, WHICH SERVED AS RAPPORTEUR FOR
CONFERENCE, ADVISES THAT 40-PAGE FINAL COMMUNIQUE PLUS
ANNEXES HAS BEEN TRANSMITTED TO ISLAMIC SECRETARIAT IN
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JIDDA FOR REVIEW AND DISTRIBUTION TO MEMBER STATES.
IN MEANTIME, PARTICIPANTS HAVE CONFIRMED GENERAL LINES
OF MAJOR RESOLUTIONS AS REPORTED IN LOCAL MEDIA.
HIGHLIGHTS FOLLOW.

3. SOMALI-SPONSORED MEASURE EXPRESSED CONFERENCE'S
CONCERN OVER SITUATION IN AFRICAN HORN AND CALLED ON
EXTRA-AFRICAN POWERS GENERALLY TO ABSTAIN FROM ANY ACT
OF INTERFERENCE AND INTERVENTION IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS
OF AFRICAN PEOPLES IN THE HOPE THAT THIS WOULD PERMIT
THE OAU TO HELP RESOLVE THE CONFLICT. (SOMALI AMBASSADOR
INDICATES THAT HIS DELEGATION WAS GIVEN FREE HAND ON
HORN, PROVIDED THAT LANGUAGE OF RESOLUTION WAS KEPT
MODERATE AND NO NAMES WERE MENTIONED; EXPRESSION OF

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CONCERN WAS SUBSTITUTED FOR WORD "CONDEMN" IN ORIGINAL SOMALI DRAFT.) CONFERENCE CALLED ON MEMBERS TO GIVE FINANCIAL AID TO DJIBOUTI AND COMORO ISLANDS AND ASKED PRESIDENT (BABACAR BA OF SENEGAL) TO MAKE CONTACT WITH FRANCE TO BEGIN NEGOTIATING PROCESS BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES IN RESPECT FOR NATIONAL UNITY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF THE COMOROS.

4. FINAL RESOLUTION ON MIDDLE EAST AFFIRMS THAT PEACE
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DEPENDS ON TOTAL AND UNCONDITIONAL ISRAELI RETREAT FROM ALL OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, AND RECOVERY AND EXERCISE OF INALIENABLE NATIONAL RIGHTS OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. RESOLUTION CONDEMSN ISRAEL FOR ITS AGGRESSION AND OCCUPATION OF SOUTH LEBANON, ITS COLLUSION WITH SOUTH AFRICA, AND OCCUPIED TERRITORIES POLICY. MEMBER STATES ARE INVITED TO BOYCOTT ISRAEL AND CALL FOR CONVOCAION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OF SECURITY COUNCIL WITH A VIEW TOWARD EFFICACIOUS METHODS TO ENSURE THE TOTAL AND UNCONDITIONAL RETREAT OF ISRAEL FROM ALL OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.

5. TEXT OF PALESTINIAN RESOLUTION WHICH WE ARE TOLD WAS APPROVED BY CONFERENCE REAFFIRMS DUTY OF SUPPORT FOR EFFORTS OF PALESTINE PEOPLE UNDER PLO'S LEADERSHIP "TO REGAIN THEIR LANDS AND TO ESTABLISH THEIR INALIENABLE NATIONAL RIGHTS," NOTES THAT US "THREAT TO VETO ANY DRAFT RESOLUTION ON THE NATIONAL AND INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AT THE SECURITY COUNCIL... GIVES GREATER URGENCY TO THE NEED TO CHANGE THE UN CHARTER ESPECIALLY IN CONNECTION WITH THE RIGHT OF VETO," HAILS PALESTINIANS UNDER PLO LEADERSHIP FOR RESISTANCE TO ISRAELI INVASION OF SOUTHERN LEBANON, CALLS ON MEMBER STATES TO SUPPORT PALESTINIANS IN "LEGITIMATE STRUGGLE AGAINST ZIONIST AND RACIST COLONIALISM IN ORDER TO REGAIN THEIR NATIONAL AND INALIENABLE RIGHTS," CONDEMNS "ALL LIQUIDATIONIST AND DEFEATIST ATTEMPTS SPONSORED BY THE UNITED STATES TO SERVE ITS INTRDESTS IN THE AREA (OR) SAFEGUARD THE ZIONIST RACIST PRESENCE IN OCCUPIED PALESTINE EITHER THROUGH SPONSORING BILATERAL SOLUTIONS" OR BYPASSING THE PALESTINE PROBLEM, REAFFIRMS PLO'S RIGHT AS "SOLE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE TO WORK FOR THE REJECTION OF ALL FORMS OF

DEFEATIST AMERICAN SETTLEMENTS AND LIQUIDATIONIST
SCHEMES," CALLS ON THE US TO RECOGNIZE THE PLO, REAFFIRMS
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PLO'S RIGHT TO INDEPENDENT AND EQUAL PARTICIPATION IN
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES DEALING WITH PALESTINE
PROBLEM AND ARAB-ZIONIST CONFLICT, CONDEMNS ISRAEL'S
AGGRESSION AND OCCUPATION OF SOUTHERN LEBANON, CONDEMNS
ALL STATES THAT SUPPORT ISRAEL "MILITARILY, ECONOMICALLY
OR IN TERMS OF MANPOWER" AND CALLS ON MEMBER STATES
TO WORK FOR SEVERE SANCTIONS AGAINST ISRAEL, "INCLUDING

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EXPULSION FROM THE U.N." AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL FORA.
EGYPT AND CHAD REGISTERED RESERVATIONS ON THIS RESOLUTION.

6. ON CYPRUS, CONFERENCE SALUTED EFFORTS OF TURK
CYPRIOT COMMUNITY TO RESUME INTER-COMMUNAL NEGOTIATIONS.
TURKISH AMBASSADOR TELLS US HIS DELEGATION RESISTED
AFRICAN EFFORTS TO AMEND TURKISH-DRAFTED RESOLUTION,
SUCCESSFULLY INSISTING THAT ITEM BE APPROVED INTACT
(ALTHOUGH THERE IS CONCERN THAT SOME POST FACTO
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RESERVATIONS MIGHT BE RECORDED).

7. NOTING THE GRAVITY OF THE SITUATION OF MUSLIMS IN THE SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES FACED WITH RESUMPTION OF HOSTILITIES WITH INCREASINGLY SOPHISTICATED MEANS, CONFERENCE STATED THAT IT CONSIDERED THE MORO NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT AS REPRESENTATIVE OF MUSLIMS OF SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES, AND INVITED MEMBER STATES TO EXTEND NORMAL AND MATERIAL SUPPORT TO FRONT FOR INSTITUTION OF INTERNAL AUTONOMY FOR MUSLIM COMMUNITY. ONE SOURCE INDICATES THAT THREATENED RESERVATIONS BY MALAYSIA, INDONESIA AND POSSIBLY SAUDI ARABIA AND GABON ON PHILIPPINES RESOLUTION WERE AVOIDED BY SUBSTITUTING WORD "MASSACRES" IN LIEU OF REFERENCE TO "ACTS OF EXTERMINATION" IN PHILIPPINES CONTAINED IN ORIGINAL DRAFT RESOLUTION (REF B). (MISUARI WAS ACTIVE MORO REPRESENTATIVE, WITH SALAMAT NOT PRESENT SO FAR AS WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ESTABLISH.)

8. REPRESENTATIVE OF PATANI UNITED LIBERATION ORGANIZATION ARRIVED AT CONCLUSION OF CONFERENCE WITH MAPS, CRUDE PRESS RELEASE ISSUED BY "PATANI INDEPENDENT NEWS AGENCY--PINA," DAMASCUS, AND PRESENTATION IN THREE LANGUAGES SEEKING OBSERVER STATUS AND ASKING CONFERENCE TO PROVIDE MORAL AND MATERIAL SUPPORT AND TAKE INTEREST IN "OUR OPPRESSED PEOPLE WHO STRUGGLE BRAVELY TO GET RID OF THAI OCCUPATION AND TO OBTAIN THERE (SIC) LEGAL NATIONAL RIGHTS IN VIEW OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT PATANI STATE." DESPITE THIS INITIATIVE, WE ARE TOLD CONFERENCE DID NOT DISCUSS THAI MUSLIMS IN PLENARY, ALTHOUGH, ON GENERAL QUESTION OF MUSLIM MINORITIES, CONFERENCE APPROVED CREATION IN ORGANIZATION'S GENERAL SECRETARIAT OF NEW DEPARTMENT OF ISLAMIC COMMUNITIES IN NON-MEMBER STATES.

9. CONFERENCE REITERATED ITS ENGAGEMENT TO ELIMINATE ALL FORMS OF COLONIALISM, APARTHEID AND DISCRIMINATION, CONFIDENTIAL

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ITS CONDEMNATION OF ZIONISM AND OPPRESSIVE ACTIONS AGAINST THE PEOPLES OF SOUTHERN AFRICA. CONFERENCE REAFFIRMED ITS CONTINUED MORAL AND MATERIAL SUPPORT INTENDED TO PERMIT MOZAMBIQUE TO TRIUMPH OVER DIFFICULTIES ARISING OUT OF THE APPLICATIONS OF SANCTIONS AGAINST RACIST RHODESIAN REGIME. WE HAVE NOT YET UNCOVERED ANY REFERENCES IN RESOLUTIONS TO ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN ON RHODESIA OR WESTERN CONTACT GROUP EFFORTS ON NAMIBIA, THOUGH IMPORTANCE OF EXPANDING RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT TO INCLUDE EXTERNAL FACTIONS WAS DISCUSSED IN PLENARY.

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10. CONFERENCE CALLED FOR PURSUIT OF EFFORTS TO CREATE
DENUCLEARIZED ZONES IN AFRICA, THE MIDDLE EAST AND SOUTH
ASIA, AND, WE ARE TOLD, CALLED FOR ABOLITION OF VETO
RIGHT IN SECURITY COUNCIL.

11. PAKISTAN CHARGE ASSURED EMBOFF THAT PRIME MINISTER
BHUTTO'S STATUS WAS "INTERNAL MATTER" WHICH HAD NOT COME
UP DURING CONFERENCE, BUT ANOTHER SOURCE INDICATES THAT
PLO MADE REFERENCE TO BHUTTO IN ITS INTERVENTION.
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12. PAKISTANI ALSO INSISTED THAT "OBSERVER" STATUS OF
ZAIRE AMBASSADOR (REF B) HAD ENCOUNTERED MUCH OPPOSITION
AND ZAIRES WOULD NEVER BE IN THAT POSITION AGAIN. HE
ATTRIBUTED ZAIRES OBSERVER ACCREDITATION TO SENEGAL
(WHICH WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH ROUTINE SENEGALESE
POLICY OF PUTTING ZAIRES FORWARD WHENEVER POSSIBLE AS
COUNTERWEIGHT TO NIGERIA WHICH, AT ISLAMIC CONFERENCE,
WAS ONLY OTHER FULL-FLEDGED STATE WITH OBSERVER STATUS).

13. PREVIOUS CABLES HAVE REPORTED EMPHASIS DURING
CONFERENCE ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION. ONE SOURCE SAYS
THIS WAS CONSCIOUS STRATEGY OF SENEGAL, PAKISTAN AND
TURKEY, TO DEFLECT ATTENTION FROM DIVISIVE POLITICAL
QUESTIONS AND MAINTAIN PRESSURE ON OIL EXPORTERS TO

FUND JOINT MUSLIM UNDERTAKINGS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT ESTABLISHMENT OF VARIOUS ISLAMIC TRAINING AND RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS IN ANKARA, DACCA, NIAMEY AND UGANDA (SEE REF B) WERE APPROVED, WITH BULK OF FINANCING EXPECTED FROM SAUDI ARABIA. 1978-79 BUDGET OF \$5 MILLION WAS APPROVED FOR GENERAL SECRETARIAT, BUT PRESS INDICATES UAE WAS ONLY COUNTRY TO ANNOUNCE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO ISLAMIC SOLIDARITY FUND, WHOSE INSUFFICIENT RESOURCES WERE WIDELY LAMENTED DURING CONFERENCE.

14. CONFERENCE AGREED ON MOROCCO AS SITE FOR NEXT YEAR'S MINISTERIAL AND REPORTEDLY PICKED JIDDA AS VENUE FOR 1980 SUMMIT-LEVEL MEETING.

15. PRINCIPAL FIREWORKS WERE BETWEEN LIBYANS AND PLO ON ONE HAND AND EGYPT ON THE OTHER, ALTHOUGH SOME PARTICIPANTS INSIST THAT ATMOSPHERE MORE FRATERNAL THAN THEY HAD ANTICIPATED. ACCORDING TO SOMALI AMBASSADOR, SOLE OBJECTIVE OF "PROGRESSIVE" ARABS (LIBYA, ALGERIA, SYM PLO, YEMEN) WAS TO ISOLATE EGYPT ON PALESTINE QUESTION; THEY WERE UNINTERESTED IN ANY OTHER PROBLEM. AS NOTED ABOVE, THEY SUCCEEDED IN
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THIS OBJECTIVE BY CRITICIZING "BILATERAL" APPROACH SPONSORED BY UNITED STATES, RATHER THAN ATTACKING FELLOW ISLAMIC STATE BY NAME. ONE SOURCE INDICATES EGYPTIAN DELEGATE ROSE IN ANGER AT ONE POINT TO PROTEST AGAINST INSULTS BEING MADE OF PRESIDENT SADAT, BUT "PROGRESSIVE" STATES WERE ABLE TO POINT OUT THAT EGYPT HAD NOT EVEN BEEN MENTIONED; THIS LEFT SOME DELEGATIONS (SUCH AS PAKISTANIS) PERSUADED THAT EGYPTIANS HAD ONLY DRAMATIZED THEIR ISOLATION BY SPELLING OUT EXPLICITLY ATTACKS WHICH WERE INDIRECT AND VEILED IN RESOLUTION TEXTS. T 43 2343, HOWEVER, AMPLE DIRECT

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PROVOCATIONS. LIBYA, WHICH, ALONG WITH BANGLADESH, WAS ADDED TO JERUSALEM COMMITTEE, SOUGHT UNSUCCESSFULLY TO HAVE EGYPT REMOVED FROM COMMITTEE. AT DAKAR PRESS CONFERENCE, PLO DELEGATION LEADER FAROUK KADDOUMI CALLED ON PRESIDENT SADAT PUBLICLY TO DECLARE HIS "CAPITULATIONIST" PEACE INITIATIVE A FAILURE. ALGERIANS, ON OTHER HAND, WERE RELATIVELY QUIET (AND ALGERIAN AMBASSADOR BLITHELY ASSURED US THAT HIS DELEGATION AND SENEGALESE WERE LEADING MODERATING FORCES AT CONFERENCE);
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MOROCCANS GLOATED THAT ALGERIANS WERE UNABLE TO INTRODUCE WESTERN SAHARA QUESTION BECAUSE OF ISOLATION THEY WOULD HAVE ENCOUNTERED. LARGE SAUDI CONTINGENT ALSO AMONG MORE ACTIVE DELEGATIONS, AS REPORTED REF B, PARTICULARLY BEHIND SCENES.

16. PRESIDENT SENGHOR DID SQUEEZE IN TWO MEETINGS AFTER HIS RETURN FROM IRAN AT CONCLUSION ON CONFERENCE: WITH ALI ABDESSALAM TREIKI, LIBYAN FOREIGN MINISTER (CONFERENCE'S OUTGOING PRESIDENT) AND MUHAMMED HAFIZ GHANIM, EGYPTIAN DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER. FURTHER COMMENT ON SUBSTANCE OF THESE MEETINGS BEING PROVIDED SEPTEL.

17. SENEGALESE FOREIGN MINISTER BABACAR BA, WHO PRESIDED OVER MEETING, PRONOUNCED IT A "GRAND SUCCESS" AND ASSERTED THAT ISLAMIC CONFERENCE HAD BECOME "A CONSIDERABLE POLITICAL FORCE... WHICH THE WORLD MUST HENCEFORTH TAKE INTO ACCOUNT." ALTERNATIVE ASSESSMENT WAS PROVIDED BY ALGERIAN AMBASSADOR WHO PRIVATELY SUMMED UP CONFERENCE AS OF "ZERO SIGNIFICANCE". (FOR THEIR PART, AMERICAN JOURNALISTS WHO PASSED THROUGH DAKAR DURING CONFERENCE DISPLAYED STRIKING DISINTEREST IN ITS PROCEEDINGS.) MOST DELEGATES TOOK POSITION SOMEWHERE BETWEEN THESE EXTREMES. TURKISH AMBASSADOR SAID HIS COUNTRY SEES ISLAMIC CONFERENCE AS CONVENIENT BRIDGE TO THIRD WORLD AND MARGINALLY USEFUL MECHANISM FOR INDUCING NOT INSIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF STATES TO GO ON RECORD ON CYPRUS PROBLEM. (HE IS ESPECIALLY PLEASED WITH RAPPORT WHICH DEVELOPED BETWEEN NEW TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER AND SENEGALESE PRIME MINISTER ABDOU

DIOUF IN THEIR FIRST MEETING.) AFTER SOME HESITATION,
EGYPTIAN DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER PUBLICLY TERMED OVERALL
CONFERENCE RESULTS "CONVENABLE," BUT CHIDED THAT "WE
HAVEN'T YET ATTACKED OUR TRUE PROBLEMS," URGING THAT
NEXT CONFERENCE CONCENTRATE ON "MARRIAGE" BETWEEN
RELIGION AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SO MUSLIM COUNTRIES
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COULD MAKE CONTRIBUTION IN THIS AREA; HE ALSO RECOMMENDED
EXPERT STUDY AND ADVICE ON UPGRADING PRESENT "SPORADIC
AND WEAK" ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN MUSLIM STATES.

18. SENEGAL LEFT MIXED IMPRESSION ON CONFERENCE
PARTICIPANTS. EGYPTIAN SPOKESMAN PRAISED "ACTIVITY,
COURAGE, AND SINCERITY" OF "SENEGALESE FRIENDS" WHO
HEADED CONFERENCE COMMITTEES, BUT OTHER DELEGATES

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COMPLAINED OF DISORGANIZATION AND CONFUSION DURING
OPENING DAYS, AND OFFICIALS OF ISLAMIC SECRETARIAT
WERE PRIVATELY CRITICAL OF SENEGALESE INITIATIVE AND
SUPPORT. LAST STRAW WAS ELECTRICAL OUTAGE
WHICH PLUNGED MARATHON FINAL SESSION INTO HALF-HOUR
OF DARKNESS AND SILENCE AS MIDNIGHT APPROACHED APRIL 28.
FLIGHTS TO LONDON AND PARIS WERE HELD UP AT DAKAR
AIRPORT FOR MASS EXODUS OF EXHAUSTED CONFERENCE
DELEGATES. LIVES OF LOCAL RESIDENTS WERE

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CHAOTICALLY DISRUPTED DURING ENTIRE CONFERENCE BY
UNPREDICTABLE CLOSURES OF MAJOR ARTERIES AT HEIGHT OF
RUSH HOUR FOR EXCLUSIVE USE BY VISITING VIPS.

19. SEVERAL DELEGATES ASSURED US THAT SAUDIS WERE PICKING
UP TAB FOR CONFERENCE COSTS TO TUNE OF MILLIONS OF
DOLLARS; DAKAR PRESS COMMENTED WAGGISHLY ON
"ODOR OF PETRO-DOLLARS" IN CONFERENCE DINING HALL.

20. EMBASSY IS POUCHING NUMEROUS CONFERENCE DOCUMENTS
TO AF/W.
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